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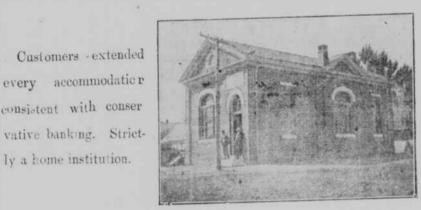
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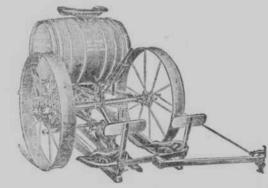
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By Rev. Frank De Witt Talmage, D. D.

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sermon today, the text chosen being What shall I do?" "What do you know, The smallest deposite sermon today, the text chosen being my boy?" is the natural question. James R he said; "Oh," says the young man, "I have he said; ght of thy countenance."

as the largest Managed to the bridge over which Tam o' Shan- college. course we do not believe in ghosts," fore you go into battle." "Unnecessaonce said a great English evangelist, ry," answers the young man, "What "but most of us feel squeamish when, in a vein of copper ore.

> Courage. They nearly all live for a cry and tremble before the imaginary to do what God commands us to do. langers which threaten them than they suffer from the wounds inflicted by mortal foe. The legend is told that one day a traveler met the Black Plague ourneying to the famous eastern capital of Bagdad. "Where are you go ing?" asked the eastern pilgrim. "To Bagdad," was the answer, "to kill 5,000 people." A few weeks later, so the Black Plague on the same road, but now returning from Bagdad and going "Why," said this traveler, "did you not do as you said you intended to do? You said you were going to Bagdad to kill 5,000 people. From the awful reports I hear coming from that doomed region you have killed 50,000 people instead of 5,000," "Ah," answered the Black Plague, with a gleeful, fiendish grin, "I have kept my 1 killed only 5,000 people on account of my fatal touch, but the other 45,000 people who also died pered of fear. They killed themselves. I had nothing to do with it." Yes, the old legend is right. A great many plagues stalk through this land, destroying their victims everywhere, but the dead that lie in their tracks are not slain by those swinging scytnes Most people are born natural cowards. More people die from fear than ever

dle from the ravages of disease. The Fenr of Punishment. This assumption is almost a self evident fact or an axlom. Now, as most of us are cowards in more ways than one, the greatest check on wrongdoing in this world is the fear of future punishment. The would be murderer is I just said, O Lord, I have been prayafraid to shoot his victim for fear he will be executed; the young clerk who is getting into the babit of betting upon the races is afraid to risk any of his employer's money for fear he will be found out and sent to jail; the women or the men who would like to violate the seventh commandment often are afraid to do it for fear the newspaper reporters will get upon their track and the whole scandal will be published in the daily newspapers, and then they will be ostracized from all decent associations, but if a man could sin without being found out or the sinner not be brought to judgment then where there are now two sins there would be twenty and where men err once now they might do wrong ten times over. That means, of course, if

Now, as I was thinking along this len, that our most intimate friends do and sees and that our consciences convict us of?" I do not now refer to the penetrating light of God's countemorning as in God's presence.

Let me, in the first place, speak about-the sin of robbing God of those hours of sacred devotion in which we should hold secret communion with him, those hours of secret prayer and Bible readspiritual life. You know that in that discourse on prayer in which our Lord describes that exercise he commands us to pray in secret as well as to pray openly. In Matthew we read, "When thou prayest enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door pray to thy Father who is in secret, and thy thee openly." But, though God commands us to have our secret hours of oly communion with him and though the Christian world thinks that we, as

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Got Their Money's Worth.

meeting at which to speak and then in our hearts. another sermon to preach. In other words, from early morning until 10 working all the time. I met him next day and said, "Well, Howard, how did completely fagged out. I was so tired that I could not even say my prayers.

But, though you and I may have gagements so important that we can

know that many and many a literary pure in deed! man's usefulness has been destroyed because by the flattery or the success of secret sins to which I would call the better houses from the weather. our sins would never be brought to of the world he has been enticed away your attention. One of them is the They are used as water cans and kitchter how early the march was to take general statement, but went into spetakes note of, but are there not others hidden away in the immost recesses of the heart that will one day be set in art thou daing with there are all the heart that will one day be set in art thou daing with there are all the series of the heart that will one day be set in art thou daing with there are all the series of th nance? Let us examine ourselves this him alone? The world does not know yet there are many people who almost ing which are so essential for our own this, in the sight of God you are comthat sin from the world, but you can never hide it from Christ.

The Unpopular Side.

Next to our neglect of secret prayer and quiet Bible reading I believe our greatest secret sin is our unwillingness to bravely and firmly go forth to advocate the causes of right which are on the unpopular side. We see blatant sins stalking around everywhere, but because those sins are well dressed or the perpetrators of those sins are in-

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cred hours, yet how often do we steal munity in which we live we close our Therefore, though the hands for succord away from God these hours which should be devoted to him. In other afraid to antagonize them and those people, they act as did the priest and

They are slaves who fear to speak
For the fallen and the weak;
They are slaves who will not choose
Hatred, scoffing and abuse
Rather than in silence shrink
From the truth they needs must think.

are slaves who dare not be In the right with two or three, Are You Honest?

theological student was asked to preach | bered among the "trimmers," the hedg- thou me from secret faults! O God, in a little church near to where I used ers, the politic men, who dare not be make me clean every whit! O God, to preach as a student. This church "in the right with two or three?" If thou great reader of thoughts, may I

people drive a horse which they hire ardice, the sin of not being an out and bring every work into judgment with from the livery stable for a day. They out disciple of Jesus Christ.

Wanted to get the full worth of their But we must not stop here. In this Today I lift up for inspection the recmoney. Thus they got this young man catalogue of secret sins we must name ords of your secret sins. up early to lead the Sunday school and the malformed offspring of our minds the power of Christ's blood, blot out teach a Bible class. Then he conduct- called "evil thoughts." By this name I that debasing and condemnatory past ed a morning service; then after a hur- do not mean those "evil thoughts" and give us a glorious and radiant furied dinner they drove him back into which some of us are willing to voice ture, with no secret sin to mar the the mountains, where he had another in public, but I do mean those carnal white pages of the book of life Sunday school to lead and another ser-mon to preach and a Christian Endeav-those revengeful and brutal thoughts, or society to address; then they ran those debasing thoughts, which some him back to the main church again, of us at times, to a greater or less dewhere he had a Young People's society gree, are ready to foster and let live make English country house visiting

The Sin of Evil Thought. myself, how often we get so tired with bring every work into judgment with Press. meeting the many engagements of life every secret thing, whether it be good that we do not take the needed hours or whether it be evil." Beware how for prayer, for Bible reading and for you trifle with those bad thoughtscommunion with God for our own those evil thoughts. By the grace of of a new book on Macedonia and Tursouls!

God crush them out of your life as you key; "I half suspect that the p-troleum But, though you and the we any en-many engagements, have we any en-gagements so important that we can will condemn you not for what you whole domestic economy of Turkey afford to neglect the sacred hours we do, but also for what you think in the seems to depend upon those tins. Piled ought to take every day of our life for inmost recesses of your mind. O one upon another and roofed with

The excruciating pains character-

professing Christians, have those sa- fluential men and women in the com- ing spoken to him on every hand

be assailed in character and person. mer," a hedger, a politic man. You have not come forth boldly and deisively and attacked wrong wherever you have seen it lift its hideous head. In other words, you can be classed among those moral cowards whom

years of my life in rummaging through the higher sense of the word, are you nothing. If we are false to God with alone, we have to walk past a silent sunsty tomes? I do not care what the honest with yourself? The city in our little, we shall be false to God with country graveyard in the dark hours Roman law was. What I wish to know which you live is in a death grapple our much. If we refuse to give to about midnight. And most of us are is what is the law of today." So the with the saloon or, as is Los Angeles, those who are in financial trouble afraid of the valley of the shadow of death when, like the psalmist of old, we look at it in the dim vista of the wise Gamallels of the goes at once into a law of schools. He goes at once into a law of the wise one look at it in the dim vista of the goes at once into a law of schools. He goes at once into a law of schools. future, although, like him, we know it fice. He is coached along and stumbles did those men would boycott me, and wheat. future, although, like him, we know it along, and in a couple of years, an unthey are my customers. They buy lots they are my customers. They buy lots developed by, or, rather, an immature of goods at my store." In your silence those who are in financial trouble, how course there may be men born, like man, he is admitted to the bar. He is are you not before God committing a much more sinful are we in refusing are you not before God committing a much more sinful are we in refusing are you not before God committing a becret sin? For years and years in our to help those who are in spiritual trousers. the name of fear means. But if such es and one good leg trying to win a northern states there were hundreds ble! The world looks at us as good, men exist they are very few and far race in the Olympian games against upon hundreds of ministers who were respectable church members. Are we? between. They are almost as scarce the finest athletes of all Greece. He is afraid to speak upon the slavery quesas clover tops growing in a January like an old Chinese junk, with its long tion, because if they did they knew hearts, are we? Have we done anysnow bank or as diamonds imbedded banks of oars and antiquated javelins, they would split their congregations in thing during the past year to going forth to naval conflict with the twain. When my father as a young least one soul to Christ? O God, forman was called to the city of Philadel-give our spiritual indifference and self-The members of the human race do navy. Thus with us. We want to do phia just before the war the padlock of navy. Thus with us. We want to do phia just before the war the padlock of sikness! When we appear before thy of God's work. We desire to win God's gilence was upon many ministers' lips. judgment throne, may we be able to victories. But we are not willing to After my father had been there a few show an honest desire and an honest little while, at least once a year, in the make our necessary spiritual prepara- weeks he preached an abolition sermon. zeal to save thy wandering prodigals City of Timidity. They more often tions for the same. We are not willing That afternoon thirty of his most prom- even as thou hast forgiven our sins inent families took their hymn books and brought us back into the gospel We are not willing to regularly and out of their racks and walked out of fold. systematically hold certain hours of the church and never came back. Tell Thus today I would have the searcheach day sacred for prayer and for se- me, are you ready like that to attack light of the Holy Spirit turned on to our sin wherever you see it? Are you ready lives so that in God's sight we should to denounce sin in high places or in examine ourselves as we truly are. Sometimes it is religious work itself low? Are you ready to defy the sin of Are you ready to be cleansed of your that monopolizes the time. I remem- your friends as well as the sin of your secret sins? Are you ready to say: ber a dear classmate of mine who as a enemies, or are you going to be num- "O God, purify my life! O God, cleanse

When there are born into the nursery upon, so far as the matter of spending o'clock at night he was speaking or of the brain licentious thoughts, re- money is concerned. This is the "Visivengeful thoughts, brutal and accursed tors' Time Table," a printed form conthoughts, thoughts which come to us taining such information as the hours you get on?" "Get on," he answered. from reading bad books or going with for "early tea" that is brought to the "Why, I had so much to do that when improper companions, or evil thoughts guests' bedside, breakfast, lunch, after-I crawled into bed that night I was which come to us we know not from noon tea, dinner, the times of arrival whence, then we shield these thoughts. and departure of mails and of the local that I could not even say my prayers.

I just said, 'O Lord, I have been praying so much for other people that I them we are safe. Ah, no, my friends!

In English houses these cards are set them we are safe. Ah, no, my friends! In the simplest and least expensive am just too tired to pray for myself!" Though the world may not see a man's leather frames, but in the homes of I laughed. But for years and years evil thoughts, yet God sees them, "And wealthy Americans nothing less will that picture of that tired boy has all as a man thinketh in his heart so is he do than solid silver ones costing anyways been before me. Ah, I say to in the sight of God." "For God shall where from \$15 to \$25.-New York

would mash the poisonous fang of a is imported for the sake of the square

from his study. What is true of the sin of covetousness. The other is the en pots. Your food, your water and literary man is absolutely true of the sin of selfish indifference to the misery even your bread taste of petroleum Christian. Many a Christian's spiritual and wants of others. Now, this sin of which becomes to the fastidious traveler usefulness has been absolutely destroy- covetousness is such a repellent sin in a sensuous symbol of the east. Nothed because that Christian has been en- God's sight that he wrote a whole com- Ing could Illustrate better the poverty ticed away from the sacred hours of mandment against it. This command- and slovenihess of oriental life." holy communion with Christ. No mat- ment was not put in the words of a place for the rescue of Lucknow, Gen- cific detail. Let me read to you the eral Havelock always arose two hours command as it was given to Moses on Sidgwick," just published, mention is earlier to read his Bible and kneel in a table of stone; "Thou shalt not covet prayer. No matter how hard the con- thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not flict was raging. Martin Luther always | covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his manwhich Jesus Christ bids you give to denunciations against covetousness, him alone? The world does not know yet there are many people who almost what you are doing with those hours, every hour of every day of their lives Lost," which occupied the time until the but Christ knows. Are you neglecting are guilty of this secret sin. They Christian work? Are you taking the proper spiritual nourishment for your own soul? Then, if you are not doing the themselves, "I wish I could ride in a car-like that; I wish I could ride in a carriage like that; I wish I might be able mitting a secret sin. You may hide to dress like that; I wish I might have a servant to wait upon me like that." And all their lives, instead of thanking script submitted by the village poet God for his mercies, some men and and frowned. women are in secret rebellion against for them as he has done for some one press." lieve that this sin of covetousness is "I should think it might be done one of the most infamous and repellent with a juice harp," answered the poet, of all sins in God's sight. And yet it is | -Chicago Tribune. a sin which today thousands of us are practicing in secret. Our neighbors do not know we are casting lustful eyes upon their possessions, but God knows, and God will condemn us unless we

cease to practice this infamy. A Complaining Woman, But the second secret sin is like the could get some plumes for my hat."first. The same evil characteristic Boston Transcript. which makes a person wander around the streets saying, "I wish I could characteristic which makes a person Press. ignore the calls for help which are be-

words, we want to try to do spiritual men and women who are their power- the Levite when they saw the poor out first making the necessary spiritual The man who dares to attack sin tan parable. They pass by on the oththat is strongly intrenched is liable to er side and do nothing. Now, some people do not believe this assertion is His friends come to him and say: "Let true, but it is, nevertheless. Let me It alone. You will make enemies who illustrate it. Some time ago I knew a can ruin you." Have you never had young married woman who had evsuch advice given to you? If you have erything in the world to make life hap-not you have been all your life a "trim-py except her own discontented heart. She had a fine husband, she had a lovely boy, but you would never be in her company five minutes unless she was complaining about her lot. She complained about her home and her husband's salary. When she went out James Russell Lowell exceriated when walking she would always walk down the boulevard lined with the wealthiest homes, and then she would say: "I do not know why I cannot live in a home like that. Why, if I could I would always keep open house for all my poor relatives and try to help them all I could." Would she have done what she said she would do if she lived in you der palace? Nay, for at that time she The world looks upon you as an hon- had far more than some of those poor is the good of spending the next ten est man. Are you honest? I mean, in relatives had, and yet she gave them

was not able to support a regular pas- you do thus, the world may say you live and think and plan and work only tor. It was way back in the country. are honest, but in the sight of God you for thee!" If thou art not ready to say So when it got a man to preach for a are guilty of a black, heinous secret this, then thou canst never be saved by Sunday It worked him as hard as some sin. You are guilty of the sin of cow- grace, for the Bible says, "God shall

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Visitors' Time Tables, One of the many little things that so delightful has been brought over to this country and, of course, improved

Writes H. N. Brallsford, the author secret communion with Christ? You God, make us pure in mind as well as boards and sacking, they serve for slum dwellings in the towns. Cur up

In the "Life of the Late Professor made of his defying seasickness by reciting English poetry. T. G. Salmon in the Scotsman recalls the fact that Maleaving Holyhead, shut his eyes and rearrival at Dublin. But how many of

Resources of Genius. The editor looked over the manu-

"Here is one line," he said, "in which God because he has not done as much you speak of 'the music of the cider How would you undertake to else. Now, my friends, I firmly be- imitate the 'music' of the cider press?'

> The Soft Answer. "If nature had made me an ostrich,"

said old Grouch, "I suppose I could eat your cooking." "Wouldn't that be nice?" answered his imperturbable spouse. "Then I

The Second In Command. Stranger (sareastically)—Are you the boss here? Office Boy—No; there's an-

and his maidservant," is the same evil other office boy above me.- New York